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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **SHIRAISHI, Masashi et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2652**

Serial No.: **10/705,885**

Examiner: **R. S. TUPPER**

Filed: **November 13, 2003**

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For: **PRECISE POSITIONING ACTUATOR FOR HEAD ELEMENT, HEAD GIMBAL ASSEMBLY WITH THE ACTUATOR, DISK DRIVE APPARATUS WITH THE HEAD GIMBAL ASSEMBLY AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF HEAD GIMBAL ASSEMBLY**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 12, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **August 24, 2004**, please amend the above-identified application as follows: